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The attached application for patent term extension of U.S. Patent No. 5,968,973 was filed on December 22, 2006, under 35 U.S.C. § 156.

The assistance of your Office is requested in confirming that the product identified in the application, VEREGENT™, also known as POLYPHENON® E, (kunecatechins) Ointment 15%, has been subject to a regulatory review period within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 156(g) before its first commercial marketing or use and that the application for patent term extension was filed within the sixty-day period set forth in 35 U.S.C. § 156(d)(1). Since a determination has not been made whether the patent in question claims a product which has been subject to the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, or a method of manufacturing or use of such a product, this communication is NOT to be considered as notice which may be made in the future pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 156(d)(2)(A).

Our review of the application to date indicates that the subject patent would be eligible for extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. § 156.

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